

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 21 with the following rewritten paragraph:

E If the energy to be supplied to the joining pin is supplied in the form of ultrasonic waves, in the manner shown, joining pin 3.1 must be made from a thermoplastic material in the area of its inner end to be positioned, as shown on the closed bore end 41. The remainder of the pin can be made from the same material or a different material, such as a thermoset plastic material.